

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Jurial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
17th July 1867.*

No. 204. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 8th July 1867, No. 2040.

Approving of the measures adopted during the past six months for the prevention of robberies on the Madras Railway. (Vide Proceedings, Public Works Department, dated 8th July 1867, Nos. 205 & 206).

No. 205. ORDER THEREON, 17th July 1867, No. 1142.
Communicated to the Inspector General of Police, and to Captain Weldon.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Police.
To Captain Weldon, Magistrate.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
8th July 1867.*

No. 205. Read the following Endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 27th June 1867, No. 189:—

Read the following letter from the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 22nd June 1867, No. 216.

I have the honour, in compliance with the instructions contained in Order of Government No. 4,024, dated the 26th December last, to forward copy of a letter* which has this morning reached me from the Traffic Manager, communicating the result of the measures which have been adopted, during the last six months, for the prevention of robberies on this Railway, and I trust that you will concur with me in thinking that Mr. Church's report is highly satisfactory.

* No. 187, 21st June.

From the Traffic Manager, to the Agent and Manager Madras Railway, dated Madras, 21st June 1867, No. 187.

1. With reference to Order of Government No. 4,024, of 20th December 1866, requesting that a further report of the result of the measures which have been adopted for the prevention of robberies on the Railway might be submitted early in June 1867, I am glad to say that we have been entirely free from serious robberies since the date of my last report.

2. It will be seen from the following Statement that claims for petty robberies and damage during the six months ending 31st May amounted to Rupees 410-2-5, a comparatively insignificant per-centage of the traffic earnings. It is, however, only fair to add that the traffic has been generally slack, and consequently "break of bulk," which increases the risk of robbery has been seldom necessary.

Claims Account six months ending 31st May 1867,

	Applicable to six months ending 31st May.			Applicable to former periods.			Total.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Actually paid	6	13	4	1,129	11	6	1,195	8	10
Unsettled	343	5	1	310	12	4	684	1	5
Total ...	410	2	5	1,470	7	10	1,880	10	3

1. Submitted to Government in accordance with their Order No. 4,024, dated the 20th December 1866.

2. The amount paid in compensation for property robbed on the Madras Railway during the half-year preceding that now reported on was Rupees 2,500, a result which the Government considered satisfactory.

3. The result of the operations of the half-year ending 31st May 1867 is still more satisfactory, the compensations having amounted to only one-sixth of the above, or about $\frac{1}{6}$ part of the merchandize receipts.

4. The almost complete cessation of robberies on the Madras Railway, is doubtless in a great measure due to various alterations and improvements which have been introduced by the Traffic Manager in the carrying arrangements, by which detention of the goods at Jollarepett (at which station most of the robberies

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which came under the notice of Government occurred,) during the night is avoided ; but it may be questioned whether any arrangements, or any amount of vigilance on the part of the Traffic Manager and the Station Masters, would have been successful had they not been preceded by the indefatigable exertions of Captain Weldon, Superintendent of Police, and by the breaking up through his instrumentality of several gangs of thieves.

5. In my opinion the Railway Company would do well to mark their sense of the advantage they have derived from Captain Weldon's assistance.

(Signed) J. C. ANDERSON, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

No. 206.

ORDER THEREON, 8th July 1867, No. 2,040.

RAILWAY, No 14.

The Government concur in opinion with the Consulting Engineer, that the result of the measures which have been adopted during the past six months for the prevention of robberies on the Madras Railway is very satisfactory, and they consider the exertions of Captain Weldon, Superintendent of Police, as brought to notice in paragraph 4, to be highly commendable.

(True Extract.)



Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
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